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Exploration of oil

* 140 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government have approached Soviet Geologists for the exploration of oil in the State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that the Soviet Geologists have expressed their willingness to take up the exploration of oil in our State and if so, will the Government approach the Union Government for taking up the survey by the Soviet Geologists for the exploration of oil?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A member of experiments have been conducted by Soviet Experts, German Experts and so on. The position to-day is the Government of India have sanctioned a unit to carry out piecemeal survey of the Cauvery basin. This is the second stage of investigation. The first stage is purely aero-magnetic survey. The second stage is piecemeal survey. The party has arrived and I do not want to state where they are going to conduct the survey.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : இப்பொழுது அந்த ஆராய்ச்சியை செய்கிறவர்கள் இந்திய நாட்டு நிபுணர்களா அல்லது மேல் நாட்டு நிபுணர்களா ? யார் அந்த ஆராய்ச்சியைச் செய்கிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : மேல் நாட்டு பயிற்சி பெற்ற நம் நாட்டு நிபுணர்கள்.

SRI K. S. G. HAJA SHERIFF : It was stated by the Hon. Minister that the second survey had been conducted. May I know, Sir, the prospects of getting oil there and what the opinion expressed by these experts is?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The hon. Member knows that nothing is so illusory as oil. The prospects are that the Cauvery basin bears oil resources and further investigation alone will prove the correctness of the present expectations.

SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : Will this investigation cover the other areas since the report of the Indian Oil and Gas Commission state that the coastal area of Tamil Nad bears oil resources?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir. The idea is that the Cauvery basin, which is in the coastal area, contains oil. We have not yet demarcated the whole area.

Loans to farmers

* 141 Q.—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) குடியானவர்களுக்குக் குறைந்த வட்டியில் கடன் கொடுக்க அரசாங்கம் திட்டம் ஏதேனும் வகுத்திருக்கிறதா ?